

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BEIRUT 11576 011947Z

67

ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 NEA-10 ISO-00 SR-02 ORM-03 EB-11 AID-20

HEW-08 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00

NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-15 USIA-15

ACDA-19 AF-10 ARA-16 EA-11 DRC-01 /222 W

----- 114082

R 011430Z OCT 73

FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4491

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BEIRUT 11576

EO 11652: N/A DECON 10-1-74

TAGS: PFOR SREF UNRWA XF NL

SUBJECT: DUTCH PROPOSAL TO RESTRUCTURE UNRWA

REF: THE HAGUE 4290

1. FOR RECORD, WE WISH POINT OUT THAT FOUR AREAS OF DUTCH CONCERN RE UNRWA'S OPERATIONS CITED PARA 2 REFTEL--ALL OF WHICH PERTAIN TO CONTROL OVER AND SECURITY IN REFUGEE CAMPS--HAVE LITTLE OR NOTHING TO DO WITH "RESTRUCTURING"UNRWA. AS UNRWA COMGEN HAS EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY IN PAST, UNRWA CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT GOES ON IN THOSE CAMPS AND HAS NO MEANS OF POLICING THEM. UNRWA COMGEN HAS CALLED ATTENTION TO THIS DEPLORABLE SITUATION TIME AND AGAIN IN HIS ANNUAL REPORTS AND UNGA APPEARANCES OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS. SUBJECT HAS ALSO BEEN COVERED FULLY EVERY YEAR IN SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND HAS COME UP OFTEN IN UN WORKING GROUP IN UNRWA FINANCES. THERE- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BEIRUT 11576 011947Z

FORE, IT RATHER SURPRISING THAT DUTCH THINKING REPORTED

REFTEL APPEARS IGNORE THIS VITAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN
RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNRWA AND THOSE OF HOST GOVTs.
UNRWA PROVIDES SERVICES TO REFUGEES BUT HAS NEITHER
LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOR MEANS OF CONTROLLING WHAT
GOES ON IN SO-CALLED CAMPS.

2. CONCERNS NOTED BY DUTCH ARE MOST SERIOUS IN LEBANON,
LESS SO IN SYRIA AND VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT IN JORDAN
AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHERE GOJ AND GOI HAVE WILL
AND CAPABILITY TO ENFORCE CONTROL OVER WHAT GOES ON
IN CAMPS, OUTSIDE OF UNRWA-CONTROLLED FACILITIES.

UNRWA COMGEN HAS REPEATEDLY CALLED ATTENTION OF LEBANESE
AND SYRIAN GOVTs TO PROBLEMS OF NATURE CITED BY DUTCH,
NOTING THEIR ADVERSE EFFECTS ON UNRWA OPERATIONS AND
IMAGE. SARG HAS BEEN GENERALLY UNRESPONSIVE. GOL
WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO BE ABLE IMPOSE ITS
CONTROL OVER WHAT GOES ON ON CAMPS. HOWEVER, AS EVENTS
OF LAST MAY REVEALED, IT DOES NOT HAVE CAPABILITY OF
DOING SO AT PRESENT TIME.

3. WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT USG IS NO LESS CONCERNED
THAN GON OVER SITUATION DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND THAT
EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONTINUAL TOUCH WITH UNRWA AND GOL
OFFICIALS RE NEED TO CORRECT IT. (SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
GOL DID SUCCEED LAST JULY IN PERSUADING FEDAYEEN TO
RETURN CERTAIN UNRWA-OWNED CAMP STRUCTURES TO AGENCY
CONTROL.) AT SAME TIME, USG HAS ACCEPTED COMGEN'S
ASSURANCES THAT UNRWA IS TAKING ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES
TO ASSURE THAT NO PART OF US CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE
USED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF CON-
SISTENT WITH UNRWA'S MANDATE.

HOUGHTON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 01 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BEIRUT11576
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: BEIRUT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731060/aaaabskf.tel
Line Count: 93
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: THE HAGUE 4290
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02-Jan-2002 by martinml>; APPROVED <17-Jan-2002 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DUTCH PROPOSAL TO RESTRUCTURE UNRWA
TAGS: PFOR, SREF, XF, NL, UNRWA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005